

WI-288
Albert H. Williams House
Nanticoke
Private

c. 1880

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Albert H. Williams House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-288

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling
 - pump house
 - barn
 - garage
 - chicken house
 - privy
 - fences

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-288

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert H. Williams House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 20613 Nanticoke Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Nanticoke ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kenneth A. and Karen A. Basile

street & number 20613 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town Nanticoke state and zip code Maryland 21840

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 63, p. 9
liber 902

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 402

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Albert H. Williams house is located at 20613 Nanticoke Road on the northern side of Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall frame house faces west with the main gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story, center hall, single-pile frame dwelling is supported by a low brick foundation, and the exterior is covered with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asbestos shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story dining room/kitchen wing. The house is joined on the lot by a two-story frame barn, a single-story, two-bay garage, an old chicken house, a pump house, and a privy. The yard is enclosed with picket fences.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. A two-story gable roofed portico shelters the center bay on each floor. Square porch posts are embellished with sawn brackets. The second floor is defined by a center partially glazed door and flanked by two-over-two sash windows. The base of the gable roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The gable ends are alike with two-over-two sash windows on each side of interior end brick chimneys topped with a corbeled caps. Small two-over-two sash windows light the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and short returns at the lower corners.

The east elevation of the main block is largely covered by the two-story dining room wing with a shed roofed kitchen and enclosed porch extending eastward from it. The two-story, two-bay rear wing is extended on the south side by an enclosed shed roofed porch that incorporates the pantry. An interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end, and small two-over-two sash windows light the attic.

The interior follows a center hall/single pile plan. The hall contains the principal staircase and it is distinguished by a bold turned newel post and turned balusters that support a molded handrail. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration. Four-panel doors in each side wall are framed by bulls-eye block and fluted surrounds. Serving as a wainscoting is a layer of patterned lincrusta topped by a molded edge. The room on the south side features a rebuilt fireplace of brick from the second quarter of the twentieth century. The room on the north side retains a factory produced Victorian mantel. The north room has been partitioned to include a downstairs bathroom. The dining room retains a factory-made mantel as well as an enclosed stair that rises on the north side of the chimney pile behind a four-panel door. The second floor hall retains the lincrusta wainscoting as well as bulls-eye block surrounds that frame four-panel doors. An enclosed stair provided access to an unfinished attic.

The yard is enclosed by a variety of late nineteenth century fences. A narrow square picket fence with piers anchoring the gates encloses the front yard, while a wide pointed pale fence encloses the back yard. Fixed in the center of the backyard is an arbor. The outbuildings stand in a cluster on the northeast side of the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The property deserves listing in Category A, which identifies buildings of high architectural and historical merit.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

date 6/22/96

street & number P. O. Box 5

telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover

state Maryland 21871

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20613 Nanticoke Road
Nanticoke, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 63, Parcel 9

902/402 Mary S. Nottingham

to

7/24/1978 Kenneth A. Basile
Karen A. Basile

5.44 acres

A J S 846/167 Evelyn Sinclair Graham

to

10/29/1975 Mary S. Nottingham

5.55 acres Plat 6/13/1955 JWS 388/105

JWS 388/102 Albert V. Williams
Blanche O. Williams
Harry O. Williams
Myrtle M. Williams

to

7/2/1955 Paul F. Graham
Evelyn S. Graham
8.5 acres on west side of road
5.5 acres on east side of road

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Chain of title continued

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EAT 62/174

Albert H. Williams

to

3/20/1909

Jennie E. Williams

Lot No. 1 West side of this road that leads from
Jones' M. E. Church to Roaring Point Wharf

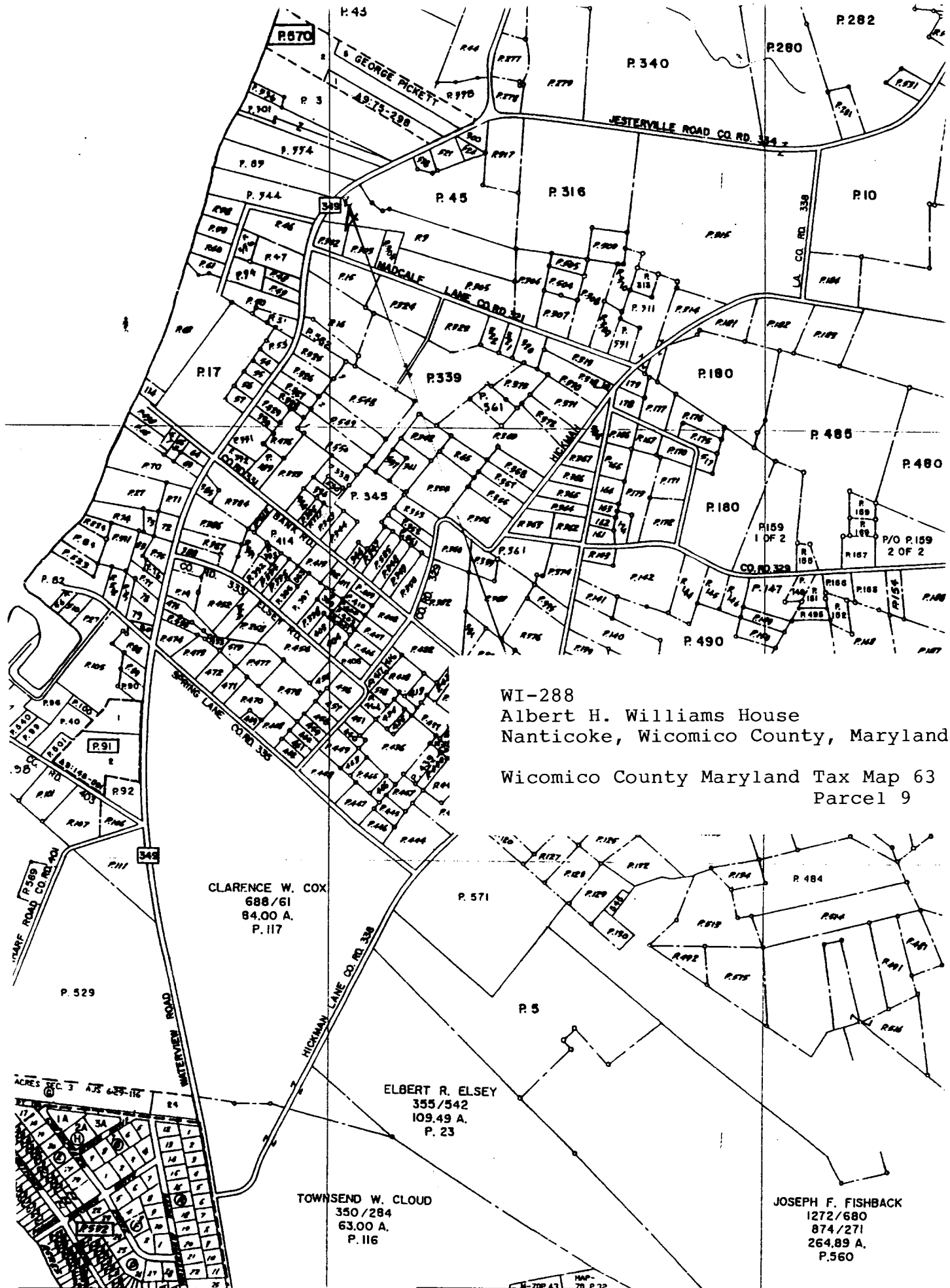
Lot No. 2 East side, containing 1/7 acre of land
being a part of the land conveyed to said Albert
H. Williams by John W. Parks, 6/18/1893,
JTT 18/176

Lot No. 3 1 acre conveyed to said Albert H.
Williams by Henry J. Messick, 5/6/1893,
JTT 11/283

Lot No. 4 1/4 acre conveyed to Albert H.
Williams by Thomas J. Parks, 5/20/1893,
JTT 11/305

Lot No. 5 4 4/20 acre to Albert H. Williams
by James C. Parks, 7/7/1905, EAT 97/234

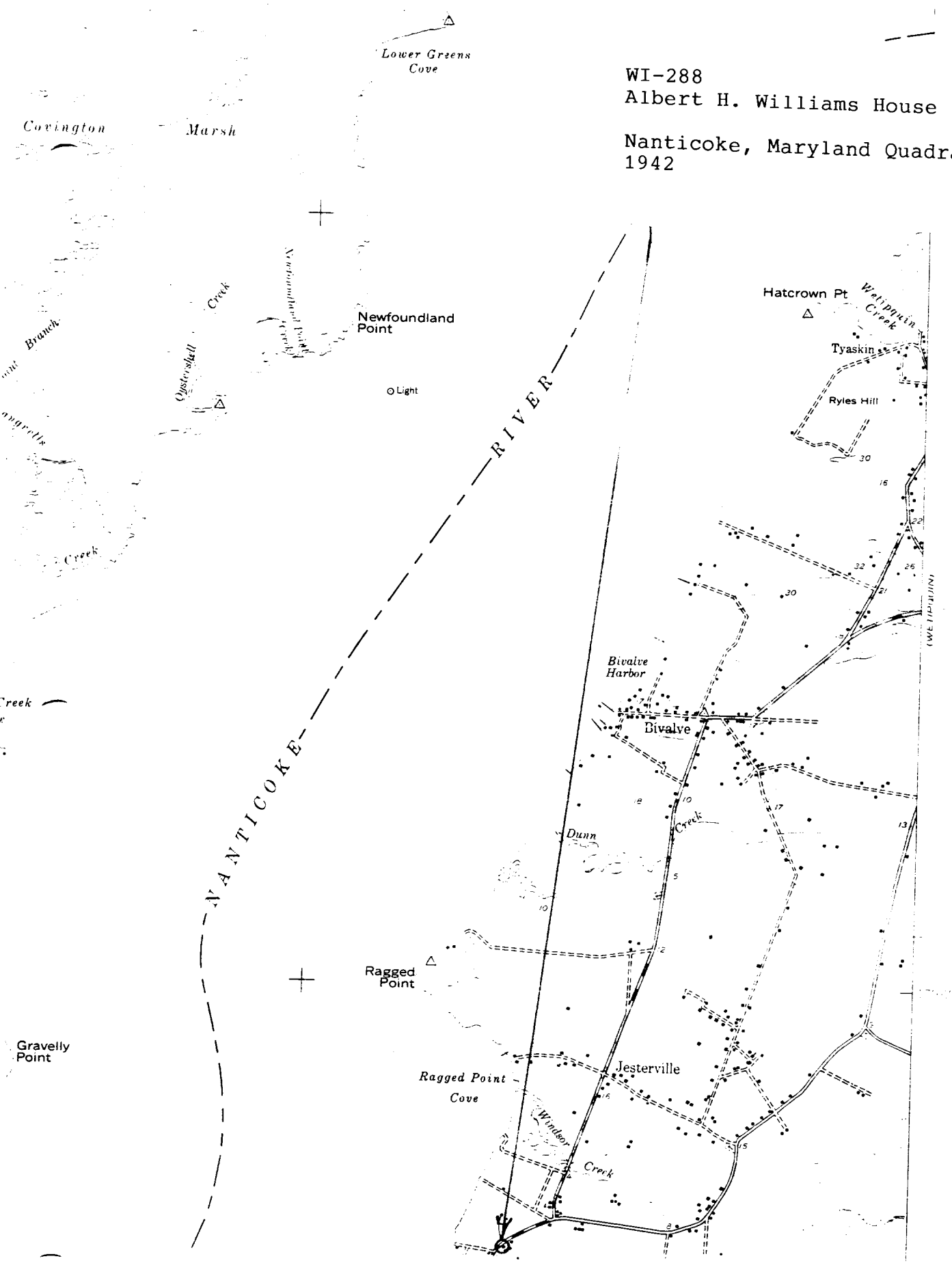
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WICOMICO CO.



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Nanticoke, Maryland Quadrangle
1942









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prison. The *Prisoners of War*
have been *released* from the
prison.







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